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JUDGE DOLE SHOULD BE RETAINED.

Federal Judge, Sanford B. Dole should be reappointed because:

He has held the judicial office under the United States government with conspicuous success.

He has given to Hawaii a life-time of service, and through many stormy and uncertain periods has held to high ideals and consistent faiths.

In his various capacities he has united factions, promoted harmony, created loyalty, stirred public spirit, aroused patriotism.

He has the confidence of all the territory and peculiarly the confidence and esteem of the Hawaiians.

He is in the mature prime of his physical and mental powers. He is able to give the fullest measure of time and energy to his work.

So far as known there is no Democratic candidate for his position at all comparable with this able and beloved man in judicial temperament or professional attainments.

If Judge Dole is displaced, it will probably be to make room for a mainlander—an entirely needless course and one sure to arouse the very spirit of community irritation which Washington regretfully has seen in Hawaii during the past few years.

He exemplifies the ability of Hawaii to raise up men capable of handling every branch of Hawaii's government—executive, legislative and judicial. To reappoint Judge Dole means to set the territory an example for all its young men—to prove to them that the national administration will recognize local worth in appointment to office.

Judge Dole's hold on the esteem of the community is evidenced by the action of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, just as his hold on the confidence of his fellow-members in the law was evidenced a few days ago by the action of the Bar Association.

Both bodies—the one representing the commercial interests of Honolulu (and to a very large extent the commercial interests of all Hawaii), the other representing the legal profession throughout the territory—are urging upon the attorney-general, with as much vigor as propriety will allow, that this veteran jurist be retained in the office he has held with ability and unquestioned integrity.

What these representative bodies have voiced, the entire territory echoes. The reappointment of Chief Justice Robertson and Circuit Judge Whitney had a remarkable influence in strengthening confidence here in the good judgment and close attention of the administration on matters affecting Hawaii. The reappointment of Judge Dole will add to this confidence.

NO REASON TO QUIT.

The movement for a short-ballot charter for Honolulu has failed of success, but that does not mean that the fighters for efficient government should stop. Their energies and their persistence were never more needed than now.

A great deal of good can be accomplished under the present charter, and the aims of the good-government folk should now be concentrated upon "making the most of what we have."

It was noticeable in the recent charter convention that the so-called "progressive" element was divided into several groups. There was the Municipal Research Club group, which urged the short-ballot, city-manager form of government, the most radically modern of the various ideas advanced. There was the commission group, whose views were represented in the charter plan advocated by W. C. Achi. There was a group of a few delegates which seemed to stand somewhere between these two. There was also a group of men who saw nothing execrably wrong with the present charter and believed that with some tinkering and patching it would suit Honolulu much better than a short-ballot charter. This for the reason mainly that the local electorate is suspicious of any attempt to reduce the number of elective offices, as a possible undermining of its rights.

The Star-Bulletin urged consideration of the Municipal Research Club charter because experience elsewhere has abundantly proved the efficacy of this form of government in securing economical administration; also because it gave promise of putting an end to the irritating shifting of responsibility which characterizes municipal officials now. Adoption of this

charter form, we believe, would have set the pace in a new era of civic progress.

But its failure to pass the convention, while a disappointment, should not be the signal for its friends to throw up their hands and quit in disgust. Now more than ever they are needed to cooperate with the city officials in making the best of the present charter.

There are two ways of getting rid of incompetents in public office. One way is to abolish all the offices possible and so centralize and concentrate authority in those which remain that every voter will realize the necessity of electing men who are worth while. The other way—with all the elective offices retained—is to awaken the community mind to the vital necessity of electing the best men available—and seeing that good men are candidates.

In keeping up the fight against waste, incompetence, petty graft and favoritism; in following closely the facts of the municipality; in drawing attention to good work done by officials or to bad work done by officials; in preparing the community for the next campaign and then in getting first-class men to run for office, the men who advocated, though fruitlessly, a progressive charter during the recent convention have plenty of room for their activities during the next year.

THE PINCH OF THE BLOCKADE.

Even Germany's unmatched internal discipline and organization of resources are not preventing the steady approach of want, to judge by the most recent utterances of German newspapers. Up to within the past few weeks the papers declared confidently that it would be entirely impossible to starve Germany out, and that the intelligence and resources of the nation were so well organized that economic life was scarcely disturbed by the war.

That these statements cannot be taken literally is evident from two recent newspaper articles. One, in the Frankfurter Zeitung, says:

"While our troops are fighting like the heroes of the classic ages, want is growing acute at home where people are beginning to interpret the miserable existing conditions as the defeat of the empire. We jeered at the blockade, but today we laugh no longer.

"The sinister aspect of things certainly provides no food for laughter. But as our worries increase so day by day, grows our hatred against the enemy who is responsible for this misery. This hatred is so potent that it will flourish and sustain us and inspire us to hold on until finally we hack our way through, even though we have drawn the belt in so tightly around our bodies that the mere act of breathing becomes a trouble and weariness.

"Our hatred will enable us to show the world of what tenacity and endurance Germans are capable when once they are sure of their cause."

The other, published in Die Ziekunft, says in part:

"Let us frankly admit that the German people are in distress."

Bulgaria is said to have sent a huge amount of corn to Germany but the Bulgarian resources are none too plentiful and the pinch of the Allies' blockade is likely to be more and more stringent as the months go by.

A St. Louis millionaire has astounded his friends by winning a short story contest. That a man with money should shine as an author appears to be surprising; the converse of which proposition presumably is that writers are not overburdened with coin—which generally is true.

The present board of supervisors may lose a hundred votes or so by enforcing the frontage-tax laws; on the other hand, those members who come up for re-election will have won many hundreds of votes if they make a progressive record in this matter of local improvements.

Make your holiday shopping easy by planning it beforehand, with the aid of the advertising columns of the Star-Bulletin. You'll find all the progressive merchants telling the public their store news, and you'll save time and money in a season when both count heavily.

Saturday morning—don't forget it—the results of the window-dressing contest will be seen in the up-to-date stores of this city.

If there is still a Caliph in Bagdad he's probably down on his prayer-rug, letting Allah know which side he's upon.

DOES INDIGENCE BAR INJURED MAN FROM BENEFITS?

Question Whether Kaululaau Will Get Compensation as Well as Treatment

Should the city pay compensation for an injured employee who is on its indigent list in the hospital? This is a question which Supervisor Daniel Logan, chairman of the finance and public expenditures committee, has referred to the city attorney's office for decision.

Several weeks ago William C. Kaululaau, an employee in the road department, had his leg broken and was taken to Queen's hospital, the leg having been set at the scene of the accident by Dr. H. H. Wood, physician of the Waiolua Plantation Company.

Kaululaau is poor and has no visible means of support. Also, he has a family. Because of his financial condition Kaululaau was transferred by Dr. J. T. Wayson, city and county physician, to the indigent list in the hospital, which means that the city pays his expenses at \$1.50 a day.

Had Kaululaau been an employee of any other body the city would have to pay this amount just the same, because of the fact that he is on the indigent list. But Kaululaau is an employee of the city and hence entitled to compensation after the first two weeks of disability to the amount of \$7.20 per week, which is 80 per cent of his regular pay. Does the city have to pay this compensation, also, or can that be applied on the indigent list payment?

This question is puzzling the supervisors, and decision from the attorney's department is eagerly awaited. Furthermore, there is another question which arises, due to the fact that Dr. Wood has sent in his fee for first aid to the man, at \$50.

Who Will Pay Doctor? Kaululaau is entitled to but \$50 for the first two weeks of disability, this amount to cover both doctor's and hospital fees. According to the report, which the supervisors have adopted, \$30 is to be allowed the doctor and \$20 to the hospital for services in the first two weeks. If the supervisors and the doctor stick by their decision, Kaululaau will have to pay the rest to the doctor himself.

Kaululaau, however, is a poor man, and furthermore he is disabled. In a letter to the Star-Bulletin he has written in part as follows:

"I have a wife and child to support, and they are in great need. I am in the hospital and not able to assist them.

"I have got to pay hospital fees and \$50 to Dr. H. H. Wood, and I am also out of my pay. I wish that you would explain to me through your paper about the law that is passed that any man who gets hurt on his job gets his hospital fees and his pay. But I am not getting mine."

If the attorney's department decides that the city must pay both the indigent and compensation fees, Kaululaau will have some \$7.20 a week coming in to send to the wife and child, who are in need, besides having his hospital expenses paid each day that he lies disabled. If, on the other hand, the department decides that the injured man's compensation money can be turned into the payment of hospital expenses the wife and child will have to shift for themselves.

AUTO THIEF ABANDONS MACHINE WHEN CHASED

Automobile No. 101, owned by J. J. Belser, was recovered last night by a taxi driver after a chase in which the taxi man pursued the driver of the stolen auto for several blocks and finally overtook the car, but not the thief, in an alley off Nuuanu street. Belser asked the taxicab driver to watch for his machine, after he came out of the Liberty theater and found the auto had been taken while he watched the play. Within an hour after the theft a driver for the City Taxi stand saw the car pass and the chase began. When the pursuer got too close the auto thief turned into the alley and left the machine, getting away himself.

FETE RAISED ENOUGH CASH FOR FERNERIES

Within a few days the contract will be let for the construction of the main fernery and one of the smaller plant houses in Queen Emma park, Nuuanu valley, which will be built under the auspices of the Outdoor Circle. The bids were opened yesterday at the office of H. L. Kerr, architect. Tenders submitted were Sanko Company, \$1658 and \$980; Sugihara, \$1722 and \$1000; Yamada, \$1750 and \$985. While the construction of a third fern house is

MAYOR ASSISTS AT COUNTING OF CITY TREASURE

Having completed an investigation of the city and county treasury, Mayor Lane, James W. Lloyd, head accountant, and William T. Carden, second deputy attorney, have filed their report, stating that books and money are in proper shape.

According to the report there were in the treasury the following amounts of money: gold coin \$18,470.56; silver, \$1,005.75; currency, \$280; revenue stamps, \$19; general fund in banks, \$2,488.03; other special funds in banks, \$27,654.38; cash basis fund in bank \$32,164.25; total, \$153,604.49.

According to law this investigation should be made every three months, but this is the first time that anything of the sort has been done, according to Treasurer D. L. Conkling, since he went into office.

BREAKS IN CITY SEWER SEALED BY BIG METAL RINGS

Divers have completed the work of closing up the breaks in the city sewer outfall and sewage is now carried out to the end of the pipe, according to an announcement made in the office of the city water department.

The completed line is now some 2500 feet in length from the pumping station at Kakaako and about 2250 feet from the seawall at Fort Armstrong. Its outlet is in approximately 25 feet of water at a point 650 feet beyond the reef.

Work on the pipe was carried out by vote of the supervisors, word having come in from the Chamber of Commerce that the fishing industry was being carried on extensively at the break in the sewer where the fish were wont to gather for meals. The breaks were covered over with huge rolls of sheet iron, which are said to seal them effectively.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MARSHAL J. J. SMIDDY: The federal court is disposing of opium cases so fast that I guess I will have to get out and make a few more raids.

—G. F. AFFONSO: In appointing F. Leslie Davis as clerk of the United States court, the federal judges have put the right man in the right place.

—J. A. DOMINIS: The divorce business is picking up a little these days. There is going to be an unusual number of suits this month, however.

—POSTER L. DAVIS: I have cleaned off the federal court clerk's desk and am all ready to get down to hard work. No, I haven't appointed my deputies yet.

—LIEUT. J. P. OLDING, command er U. S. S. K-4: Our submarines use up considerable distilled water, and it is not for drinking purposes, either. Each of the K flotilla requires about 150 gallons every 10 days for the batteries.

—HARRY E. MURRAY: The Bristol gauge that we are using here in the office to regulate the pressure in the city mains is proving quite a success. Already we note a general tendency toward an average pressure throughout the day.

—FRANK T. SULLIVAN, superintendent of mails, postoffice: The Christmas rush will soon be upon us, and we will have a few suggestions to the public ready for publication in the papers just before it starts. We hope they will make sending of Christmas presents easier both for our patrons and for the boys in the post-office.

—J. WALLACE: I am of the opinion, and the actual conditions will bear me out, that the street gutter adjacent to the premises occupied by a Chinese store at the corner of Queen and Richards streets, is the dirtiest, vilest, rottenest, foulest, disease-breeding spot in Honolulu, and it is all within one block of the board of health offices.

contemplated, all of the funds for this work are not yet available. The children's fete, held in the army last Saturday, made possible the construction of the ferneries for which bids were opened yesterday.

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WILL TRY MANOA CLIFF TRAIL IF RAIN HOLDS OFF

Y. W. C. A. Planning Saturday Outing, Supper on Mountain, and Return By Moonlight

The announcement of the outing to be conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association next Saturday afternoon has been delayed until there should be indications whether or not the rainy spell is ended. The continued good weather during the week, however, seems to justify carrying out the schedule as planned. Unless another deluge occurs during the next 48 hours, the climb will be made over the Manoa Cliff trail under the leadership of Professor J. F. Rake. Considered from both the educational and the recreational viewpoints this should be one of the best of the outings included in the course. The educational objective of the outing will be the study of trees, and for this study there is no teacher superior to Professor Rake. Some of the lessons learned at the government nursery and in Makiki Valley from David Haugh will be recalled on this tramp and to this will be added much that is new.

The party will leave the office of the Young Women's Christian Association at 1 o'clock, Saturday. Supper will be served by Miss Evelyn McDougal on the mountain, and the descent will be made in the early evening by moonlight. It is advised that short skirts and good tramping boots be worn. Reservations should be made at the office of the Young Women's Christian Association as early as possible on Friday.

Funeral services for Henry Clay Meyers, former deputy territorial auditor, were to be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Williams' undertaking establishment, with Rev. Canon Ault officiating. The ashes will be interred in the Nuuanu cemetery at a later date.

HAWAII TO HAVE LARGEST OF ALL POSTS OF ARMY

Plans of the war department for distribution of the increase of the army, if the peace strength is raised to 141,843 men and officers, as has been proposed to Congress, provide for a garrison of 17,372 on Hawaii. This number would be stationed here as soon as possible after the increase in the army is authorized and additional troops would be sent later, it having already been announced that 22,000 troops will be stationed here as soon as quarters are provided and the troops can be released from border duty.

Distribution of overseas troops as laid out by the war department provides for garrisons as follows: Hawaii, 17,372; Canal Zone, 9762; Philippines, 14,772; Philippine scouts, 5915; Porto Rico, 631; Alaska, 457.

The plan calls for the organization of four regiments of field artillery, 10 regiments of infantry, 52 companies of coast artillery, 15 companies of engineers and four aeroplane squads.

DOROTHY DECIDES SHE REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY EITHER MAN

Dorothy Kim, the 16-year-old Korean girl mentioned in connection with the Yee Sing Chun "white slave" case in federal court, has been placed in the girls' industrial school by Circuit Judge Whitney, where she is to remain pending the disposition of the case. According to Probation Officer John Anderson, Dorothy has told the court that she does not want to marry either Yee Sing Chun or Y. L. Chih, the latter being the author her grandparents favor, and that she does not want to leave the industrial school. It is alleged that Yee has been living with the girl during the last three years, and that recently he tried to sell her for \$150.

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